

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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IN RE: ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE  
IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION

MDL No. 2272

**APPROVED FORM OF  
SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

This applies to:

**JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

John Pekar

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Plaintiff,

vs.

Zimmer, Inc., Zimmer Holdings, Inc.,  
Zimmer Orthopaedic Surgical Products, Inc.

Defendants.

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**APPROVED SHORT FORM COMPLAINT FOR**

**ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint in *In Re: Zimmer NexGen Knee Implant Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2272, filed as of January 12, 2012, as Document Number 211. Pursuant to a Stipulated Order of the PSC in MDL 2272 and Counsel for Defendants, the following Short Form Complaint is approved for use in this action. Where Plaintiff's Complaint was previously transferred into MDL 2272, this Short Form

Complaint and the incorporated Master Long Form Complaint shall serve as an amended Complaint.

Plaintiff selects and indicates by checking off the appropriate spaces, those products and claims that are specific to his case. Where certain claims require specific pleadings or case specific facts and individual information, plaintiff shall add and include them herein.

1. Plaintiff, John Pekar, states and brings this civil action before the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2272. Plaintiff is filing this short form complaint as permitted and approved by Order of the MDL 2272 Court, and adopts and incorporates by reference those allegations in the Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and any and all amendments thereto.

2. This action is brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332, as diversity of citizenship exists among and between the parties.

3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1391 as defendants named herein do business within this district.

4. Plaintiff John Pekar is a resident and citizen of Pennsylvania and claims damages as set forth below.

5. Plaintiff's Spouse \_\_\_\_\_, is a resident and citizen of [state] \_\_\_\_\_, and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium.

6. Plaintiff was born on October 15, 1953.

7. Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the [administrator/personal representative/executor/other] \_\_\_\_\_ of the [Estate of] \_\_\_\_\_. *[Cross out if Not Applicable]* A copy of the Letters of

~~Administration or other authority to proceed on behalf of the Estate, where required, is annexed hereto if such letters are required for the commencement of such a claim by the Probate, Surrogate or other appropriate court of the jurisdiction of the decedent.~~

**ALLEGATIONS AS TO DEVICE(S) AND INJURIES**

8. Plaintiff was implanted with a Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s) on his left knee on or about March 27, 2007, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital by Dr. Michael C. Raklewicz.

9. Plaintiff suffered personal and economic injuries as a result of the implantation of the following Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s):

Zimmer NexGen LPS-Flex  
 Zimmer NexGen CR-Flex  
 Zimmer NexGen GSF LPS-Flex  
 Zimmer NexGen GSF CR-Flex  
 Zimmer NexGen MIS Tibia

10. Plaintiff underwent revision surgery with respect to the defective Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s) on June 11, 2010, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital by Dr. Michael C. Raklewicz.

11. Plaintiff has suffered injuries as a result of implantation and revision/explantation of the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s) manufactured by defendants as described in the forthcoming Plaintiff's Fact Sheet and other responsive documents in discovery provided to the defendants and/or obtained by the defendants through Plaintiff's authorization and are incorporated by reference herein.

12. At the time of implantation with the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s), the plaintiff resided at 2065 Pine Run Rd. Wilkes Barre, PA 18706.

13. The defendants, by their actions or inactions, proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries.

14. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of:

- injury to herself/himself
- injury to the person represented
- wrongful death
- survivorship action
- economic loss
- loss of services
- loss of consortium

15. Neither Plaintiff nor his physicians, through the exercise of reasonable diligence, could have detected the defective nature of the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device any earlier than the evidence of loosening and/or other indication for planned revision of the defective device(s), or as the facts dictate and produced in discovery.

16. As a result of the injuries Plaintiff sustained, he is entitled to recover compensatory damages for pain and suffering and emotional distress and for economic loss as well as punitive damages.

17. Plaintiff's Zimmer NexGen® Flex Knee device bears catalog numbers 00-5964-16-51 (femoral), 00-5980-057-01 (tibial), 00-5964-051-14 (articular surface) and 00-5972-065-35 (patellar); and lot numbers 60643405 (femoral), 60646676 (tibial), 60618586 (articular surface), and 60604223 (patellar).

**ALLEGATIONS AS TO DEFENDANTS**  
**SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY**

18. The following claims and allegations are asserted by Plaintiffs and are herein adopted by reference:

**COUNT I – STRICT LIABILITY DESIGN DEFECT**

X COUNT I (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;  
       COUNT I (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;  
       COUNT I (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;  
       COUNT I (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;  
       COUNT I (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

**COUNT II – STRICT LIABILITY FAILURE TO WARN**

X COUNT II (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;  
       COUNT II (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;  
       COUNT II (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;  
       COUNT II (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;  
       COUNT II (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

**COUNT III – STRICT LIABILITY MANUFACTURING DEFECT**

X COUNT III (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;  
       COUNT III (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;  
       COUNT III (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;  
       COUNT III (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;  
       COUNT III (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

**COUNT IV -NEGLIGENCE**

X COUNT IV (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;  
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COUNT IV (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;  
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COUNT IV (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

**COUNT V – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

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**COUNT VI – EXPRESS WARRANTY**

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**COUNT VI – BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

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COUNT VI (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;  
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COUNT VI (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VI (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VI (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

Defendants breached the express warranty that the Products were safe and fit for use by consumers, that it was of merchantable quality, that its side effects were minimal and comparable to other knee replacement devices, and that it was adequately tested and fit for its intended use in violation of the following: 13 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 2313.

#### **COUNT VII – BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**

X \_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VII (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VII (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VII (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VII (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VII (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

Defendants breached their implied warranty to Plaintiff in that the Products were not of merchantable quality, safe and fit for its intended use, or adequately tested, in violation of the following statutes: 13 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 2314.

#### **COUNT VIII – REDHIBITION**

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VIII (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VIII (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VIII (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VIII (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT VIII (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT IX – LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT X – WRONGFUL DEATH

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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNT XI - SURVIVAL ACTION

X COUNT XII – VIOLATION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES:

Pennsylvania and applicable statute: 73 Pa. Stat. §§ 201-1 *et seq.*

X COUNT XIII – UNJUST ENRICHMENT

X COUNT XIV – PUNITIVE DAMAGES

PLAINTIFF(S) ASSERTS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CAUSES OF ACTION:

**COUNT XV – STRICT PRODUCT LIABILITY**

Plaintiff brings strict product liability claims under the common law, *Section 402A of the Restatement of Torts (Second), and/or Restatement of Torts (Third)*) against Defendants.

**COUNT XVI – FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

- a) At all relevant times, Defendant concealed or omitted material information regarding the safety of the Product from consumers, including Plaintiff, and the medical and orthopaedic communities.
- b) Defendants knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that the Product posed significant risks of causing severe and permanent injuries, and elected not to advise the medical and orthopaedic communities, Plaintiff, or other consumers of the Product's risks, and consequently placed its profits above the safety of Plaintiff and other consumers.
- c) In its representations, Defendant fraudulently concealed and intentionally omitted material information about the Product's dangers from consumers, including Plaintiff.
- d) Defendants knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that the Product causes dangerous prosthetic loosening and other severe and permanent injuries.

- e) Defendants had sole access to material facts concerning the dangers and unreasonable risks of The Product.
- f) Defendants willfully concealed material information regarding the dangers of the Product to induce consumers, including Plaintiff, to use the Product. Defendants' concealment of the defective nature of The Product and its dangerous risks caused Plaintiff to suffer damages.
- g) Defendants were under a duty to disclose to Plaintiff, other consumers, and the medical and orthopaedic communities the defective nature of the Product, and the risks and dangers associate with its use.
- h) As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' fraudulent concealment, Plaintiff developed prosthetic loosening and was caused to suffer severe and permanent injuries, pain, and mental anguish, including diminished enjoyment of life, and fear of developing other harmful conditions including additional surgeries.
- i) In addition, Defendants' conduct in the marketing, advertising, promotion, distribution, and sale of the Product was committed with knowing, conscious, willful, wanton, and deliberate disregard for the value of human life, and the rights and safety of consumers such as Plaintiff, thereby entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages so as to punish Defendant and deter it from similar conduct in the future.
- j) As a direct and proximate result of the fraudulent concealment of the Defendants' actions and/or inactions as set forth in this complaint, Plaintiff was caused to suffer damages, including, but not limited to, pain, suffering, and loss in the quality of life, loss of society and comfort, loss of consortium and to incur related expenses, including, but not limited to, prescription medicines, medical hospital and nursing

costs as well as loss of earnings, diminution in earning capacity and/or other costs as proof will show, and the Plaintiff demands all damages to which the Plaintiff is entitled under the law in an amount deemed fair and reasonable, including interest, costs, attorney fees, and punitive damages.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages requested and according to proof;
2. For punitive or exemplary damages against Defendants;
3. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
4. For an award of attorney's fees and costs;
5. For prejudgment interest and the costs of suit; and
6. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper;

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated: September 14, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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